

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Page 1, in the heading, please cancel "WO 03/104346...Description".

Page 1, before the first line of text, please insert:

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Page 1, line 21, please insert:

--Background of the invention--

Paragraph beginning on page 3, line 29, please cancel.

Page 3, line 32, please insert:

--Summary of the invention--

Page 5, line 8, please insert:

--Detailed description--

Paragraph beginning on page 6, line 22 (amended):

A use of superabsorbents in sealants for adhesive cable bonds which protect against moisture by virtue of the superabsorbents' swellability is described in DE 196 52 762 A1 (=US 6,77,394). Furthermore, DE 44 34 171 A1 describes the use of superabsorbents in hygiene products. The adhesive in those applications is coated with the absorbents. The superabsorbents in the present invention, however, are incorporated into the adhesive and not coated onto it.

Paragraph beginning on page 7, line 13 (amended):

The invention is further achieved by a use of the pressure sensitive adhesive as ~~claimed in one of the preceding claims of the invention~~, for producing a single-sided and/or double-sided adhesive sheet strip.

Paragraph beginning on page 9, line 14 (amended):

Pressure sensitive adhesives of the invention can be used for single-layer self-adhesive tapes redetachable without residue or destruction by extensive stretching (in accordance for example with DE 33 31 016 C2, DE 42 22 849 C1 (=US 5,491,012) or WO 98/03601 A1) and also for multilayer self-adhesive tapes with or without an intermediate foam carrier (in accordance for example with DE 197 08 366 A1 (=US 6,284,378), DE 198 20 858 A1, WO 92/11333 A1 (=US 6,527,900), DE 196 49 727 A1 (=US 5,897,949), DE 196 49 728 A1 (=US 2002/051875), DE 196 49 729 A1 (=US 6,004,665), DE 197 20 145 A1, US 5,516,581 A or WO 95/06691 A1). Where they are used in multilayer self-adhesive tapes in accordance with DE 197 08 366 A1 (=US 6,284,378) the PSAs form the outer layers of the adhesive strips. Adhesive strips can be shaped in accordance with DE 44 28 587 C2 (=US 5,626,931) and US 5,925,459 A and/or modified in accordance with DE 44 31 914 C2. The pressure sensitive adhesive can likewise be utilized in products in accordance with DE 43 39 604 C2 (=US 5,725,923).

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-- We claim:--